# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
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INTRODUCTION OF NEW MARKETING POLICY BY COAL INDIA LIMITED
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Coal India Limited(CIL) has introduced new marketing policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the non-core sector has reportedly complained against new policy as 'discriminatory' towards them;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereon;

(f) whether the Government propose to review the marketing policy; and

g) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKER PRASAD)

(a) & (b): As a sequel to total deregulation of price and distribution of coal with effect from 1st January 2000, Coal India Limited (CIL) has decided, in June 2001, to authorise the subsidiary companies to evolve their respective policies of coal sales to the non-core sector without the condition of linkage/sponsorship.

(c)&(d): Certain representations had been received from non- core sector consumers and associations about certain aspects of the new polices like the provision of higher price/premium as compared to the notified price, Earnest Money Deposit etc.

(e)to(g): The issue of coal supply to non-core sector consumers and the policies evolved by CIL/subsidiary companieswere discussed by the Government with the coal companies. CIL and subsidiary coal companies have been advised to write to the State Governments and other sponsoring authorities to verify the existence, working status etc of the linked consumers in the non-core sector. Provisions of the new sales policies with regard to pricing, Earnest Money Deposit and quantity restrictions have been withheld temporarily till the verification process is complete.